

**THE WEATHER**  
OREGON: Tonight and Wednesday fair; moderate winds, mostly easterly.

**LOCAL:** No rainfall; northerly winds; part cloudy; max. 40, min. 19; river 4.8 feet and falling.

# Capital Journal



**CIRCULATION**  
Average for December 5613.  
Population of Salem, 1900, 4258;  
1910, 14,694; 1920, 17,679.  
Marion County, 1920, 47,177; Polk  
County, 1920, 14,181.  
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## HARDING SIDETRACKS FARM BLOC LEADER

## QUAKES SHAKE NATION FROM COAST TO COAST EARLY TODAY

### OREGON CITIES SHAKEN

**Sismographs Record Tremors That Throw Needles of Dials; Location Indefinite**

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 31.—The earthquake recorded in all parts of the United States today probably occurred under the Pacific ocean off the coast of Washington or Oregon, it was said after thorough reckoning at Harvard university today.

Early risers in Salem said today that the earthquake made itself felt in this city, the tremor was exceptionally mild. A slight disturbance was noticed by some residents shortly after 5 o'clock when electric lights flickered in some buildings, but little consideration was given to the occurrence.

Two Salem patrolmen who were on the streets at the time the quake was felt in other parts, failed to notice anything unusual.

Washington, Jan. 31.—An earthquake of great intensity, probably 2,500 to 2,600 miles south of Washington, was registered early today at the Georgetown University sismographical observatory.

The quake began at about 9:45 a. m. and ten minutes later tremors had become so pronounced as to throw the registering needles off the scale.

The quake also was registered at the sismograph of the weather bureau, officials of which described it as "monstrous." The Rev. Francis Tondorf, director of the Georgetown sismographical observatory and one of the foremost earthquake authorities of the world, said the quake was "enormous." Both machines were registering the quake at the same time.

Officials at the weather bureau said the worst of the tremors lasted about 9:45 a. m. They made a rough estimate that southern Mexico was the center of the disturbance.

Dr. W. J. Humphreys, the weather bureau's quake specialist, reported at 11 o'clock that the tremors still were continuing, but greatly diminished in intensity.

**Sismographs Shattered**  
New York, Jan. 31.—Geologists here today seeking to locate the earthquake which today shattered sismographs in various parts of the United States, estimated that the shock originated along the west coast of South America, somewhere between the Panama Canal Zone and Ecuador.

**Prisco Quake Exceeded**  
Denver, Colo., Jan. 31.—The sismograph at Regis College here today registered the most severe quake recorded in the last 15 years, according to Father Foreman.

**No Fine Is Paid by Salemite Who Dated Up Matron**

Frank Manfredini, Salem roofing worker, pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct in police court yesterday afternoon and was fined \$20 by Judge Race.

Manfredini was arrested Saturday night after he had attempted, according to the police, to "step out" on Mrs. Elsie Eismann, local police matron.

According to officers, Manfredini approached Mrs. Eismann as she was standing near the corner of State and High streets. She arranged to meet him in 30 minutes at the corner of the city hall.

When he arrived he was placed under arrest.

## "We're Off!" Cry Salemites; Isle of Crocodiles And Tree Oysters Luring Many Away

### Man Seals Ham To Feed Family; Given Long Term

Yakima, Wash., Jan. 31.—John Hill, reservation laborer, was today sentenced from six months to five years in the penitentiary for the plea of guilty to steal some hams from a Toppe store because he had been unable to find work and his five children were starving.

Hill is a Russian peasant, poor education and at 40 the father of five children born during nine years of married life. The court suggested that he undergo a sterilization operation to insure himself against bringing other children, whom he could not support in the world. The court explained the operation in detail and Hill expressed himself as willing.

### McCroskey Resigns As Secretary

At a joint meeting of the new and old boards of directors of the Salem Commercial club held this afternoon, the resignation of T. E. McCroskey as manager was presented and accepted, to take effect March 1.

Finances of the club occupied the attention of the board, the old directors, who are on a note given by the club for indebtedness totaling \$2350, agreed to abide by the decision of the new directors as to the disposal of the auto camp grounds, for which the indebtedness was incurred, and the new board will in probability turn over the improvements on the camp grounds to the city conditional upon the city council's purchasing the land now leased from the Albert estate.

Mr. McCroskey, who has been engaged in commercial club work for the past 12 years, had been associated with the local organization since March 5, 1919, and individual members of the board this afternoon expressed regret that he is to leave.

"Inasmuch as I fully realize that it is not within the power of this board to pay any greater salary to an executive than it is salary for an executive in fact, that a reduction of overhead is almost imperative, and because of the fact that I have been tendered a position much more remunerative than the one I am now occupying, I deem it wise to tender my resignation," Mr. McCroskey said in his formal statement.

Recommendations that the new board carry on a continuous and intense membership campaign, and that a business like economic administration be pursued until such time as the obligations of the club are fully discharged, were made by Mr. McCroskey.

Although it was generally understood by persons "in the know" that Mr. McCroskey had been offered at least two attractive positions of late, his resignation came as a surprise to many members of the board.

During Mr. McCroskey's 12 years in club work he has organized 52 commercial clubs and chambers of commerce, and he is held to be one of the most efficient club workers of the northwest.

Today Mr. McCroskey declined to make public his business plans for the immediate future.

The last of the Cornish tin mines closed down eight months ago.

Between 35 and 40 Salemites listened in open-mouthed wonder as the advantages of the Isle of Palmito del Verde, Mexican paradise de luxe, were rehearsed last night by the promoters of the American colony there, at a meeting held in the Marion hotel.

Only one distressing note was struck during the whole meeting. After February 15, when the Salem party will go in a body to invade Mexico, taking with it some of the Marion county business peers and government officials, the price of the acre lots on the isle will rise from \$30 to \$50. There are only a few left and nobody can possibly be induced to sell at the present market price.

The advantages of living in Mexico are many and may be set down as follows:

**Native Patriotism Inviting.**  
1.—Patriotism: The greaser is patriotic. His patriotism isn't the calibre of the Yankee. It's more volatile—somewhat explosive.

2.—Education: It is very popular among the greasers to go to school. The crazy about going to school.

3.—Climate: Far enough south to get all the advantages of tropical climate, but close enough to northern civilization for April showers during July, August and September.

4.—Products: Coconuts, cattle and crocodiles.

5.—Sports: Golfing and yachting. A country club of which D. B. Jarman, D. F. Drager of Salem will have the management. Hunting is best in the world, deer, pigeons, quail, tigers, ducks, wild boar, with additional feathered fowl and beasts of the tropics unknown to northerners. Swimming is a popular sport.

**Aid Pledged To Chemawa By Kiwanians**

Resolutions that will be acted upon at the next meeting, in accordance with the bylaws of the organization, and which will be to the effect that Kiwanians clubs throughout the country will lend their moral support as well as their boosting spirit to Chemawa Indian school were presented after a luncheon served members of the Salem club as guests of Harwood Hall, superintendent of the institution, this noon.

Fred Erickson in a brief talk called attention to the fact that Chemawa is now the largest Indian school in the United States, and that Salemites had heretofore been backward in boosting it and calling attention to its work.

In promoting the interests of the institution Mr. Erickson said that there could possibly be no conflict with the work of other clubs throughout the state.

In appreciation of the entertainment shown them, the entire club voted thanks to the domestic science department of the school under Mrs. L. F. Brickell, and to those who did the serving.

Two readings of Lenora Hauk, a Blackfoot Indian maiden, and Elbert Hubbard's "Message to Garcia," by Frank Johnson, an Eskimo, from Alaska, 200 miles north of Nome, were features of the program, while a chorus of five girls sang two pleasing songs.

The Kiwanians were greeted by the school band and inspected the dining hall of the students previous to going to luncheon.

### Friend of Birds and Animals Dead

Dubuque, Iowa, Jan. 31.—J. A. Rhombert, for a half century a friend of birds and animals, was found dead today in his farm home at Spec's Ferry.

Rhombert, a pioneer settler, had made his home for birds of many varieties and dogs and cats and other domestic animals.

6.—Labor: Cheap and plentiful, wages from 25 to 50 cents a day.

7.—Taxes: Low. Under present conditions \$200 an acre land is taxed about 75 cents per acre.

Five hundred people are settled down there already. Coconut raising, the principal industry, is the easiest thing in the world.

There is no cultivation, little picking and the demand for coconut butter in this country supplies an unlimited market.

If, however, the purchaser does not care for coconut raising, he can sow a certain species of grass seed on his 500 land and double its value. Caring nothing for either, he can raise tomatoes and market them at \$6 a box, somewhere.

If not interested in any of the numerous agricultural pursuits, he can entertain himself with the crocodiles, or drowse in the lazy tropical sun on the wide expanse of beach. Bathing suits are preferably red, so the discussion ran last night at the meeting.

**Smothered in History.**  
For students who are interested in history, Palmito del Verde is part of the old Ponce de Leon estate and abounds in historical material. It has been handed down from generation to generation, passed through the feudal age before Mexico ever thought of having a president; steered through the dangerous, but straight course of the iron age of Diaz; failed to strike shoals during the revolutionary period of Villa, Carranza and Obregon, and passed into the hands of American promoters during the latter period.

One regrettable circumstance is

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### Crazed Negro Battles With Cops For Hour

Boston, Mass., Jan. 31.—Patrolman Daniel J. McShane, a world war veteran, died today of wounds received when Renay Murray, a negro, 62 years of age, stood off a siege of sixty police officers in his home in the south end in the early morning hours. Several persons were injured. Murray, arraigned on a charge of murder, pleaded not guilty and was held without bail.

The negro told officers he had planned to kill his wife and himself before he submitted to capture, but he could not force himself to fire when she told him to do so.

Boston, Jan. 31.—Sixty patrolmen armed with riot guns, battled more than an hour early today against Renay Murray, a negro, who barricaded in his home in the south end, shot and seriously wounded two patrolmen, a negro and a negro, and set fire to a bed in which an infant lay. Murray surrendered uninjured when a dozen policemen broke down the door of the house.

The trouble began when Murray ejected Mrs. William Jackson, a negro, a tenant, and fired several shots at her.

Patrolmen Dalton and McShane attempted to enter the house and McShane was shot in the stomach. Another bullet wounded Dalton in the cheek.

Mrs. Jackson's husband, holding his baby in his arms, was shot twice by Murray. The child fell on a bed and Murray set fire to it, Jackson said. The infant was rushed to a hospital suffering from burns. Mrs. Julia Scott, a neighbor, was struck in the hand by a bullet.

**Dividend Paid**

New York, Jan. 31.—Directors of the United States Steel corporation today declared the regular quarterly dividend on common and preferred stock.

## DEATHS IN DISASTER REDUCED

### Careful Check Shows Number Killed In Collapse of Theatre Roof Over-Estimated

Washington, Jan. 31.—Ninety-seven persons, according to a final and official list issued today by the District of Columbia authorities, lost their lives in the collapse Saturday night, under a burden of snow of the Knickerbocker theater roof. And additions to the list, it was said, would result from the fatal termination of injuries sustained by other victims.

Washington, Jan. 31.—While the city began the burial of its dead today, District of Columbia authorities pushed their investigation of the Knickerbocker theater disaster and the senate was expected to take action on the resolution of Senator Capper, republican, Kansas, proposing an independent inquiry by that body.

A resolution for the same purpose also was pending in the house, although Representative Mondell, republican leader, had announced that body would not authorize an inquiry, pending the outcome of those by local authorities.

### Dead Number 59.

A recheck of the death list by the police today showed that the final total, outside the expected deaths of injured, of which there are now three, probably would be reduced to 95 from the total of 105 carried yesterday. Of the total of 133 injured, 62 remained in hospitals today, with a dozen reported in critical condition. E. H. Shaughnessy, second assistant postmaster general, although included among these, was said still to be showing improvement today.

In addition to an exhaustive investigation of the disaster being pressed by the District of Columbia, the federal grand jury which visited the scene of the catastrophe as the first step in its investigation was ready today to call the first witnesses in its efforts to fix the blame. The coroner's jury, also investigating the cause of the deaths had requested the war department today to assign army engineers to make a study of the structure of the motion picture theater.

### Reckless Driver Elects to Serve 20 Days In Jail

Sentenced to pay a fine of \$40 or serve 20 days in this city jail this morning, Ellis Hurst, employee of the Clancey florist shop, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving, announced to officers that he would take the jail term.

"Twenty days is a pretty stiff jolt, isn't it?" Patrolman Bircht asked Hurst.

"Not as stiff as the \$40," Hurst retorted.

Hurst was searched and placed behind the bars.

### Aurora Attorney Is Made Deputy Revenue Collector

Portland, Or., Jan. 31.—Roland G. Miles of Baker, W. W. Allingham of Coburg and Gordon R. Watt of Aurora were today appointed deputy collectors by Clyde G. Huntley, collector of Internal Revenue. The appointees will assume their duties early next month.

### British Issue Challenge For Davis Cup Play

London, Jan. 31.—(By Associated Press.)—The lawn tennis association announced this afternoon that the British Isles had challenged America for the Davis cup.

## Early Action On Soldier Bonus Demand of Vets

Washington, Jan. 31.—Immediate passage of soldier bonus legislation was urged today at a hearing before the house ways and means committee by representatives of war veterans' organizations.

An estimate that if a bonus bill were enacted 50 per cent of the war veterans would take it in preference to insurance, vocational and home aid and land settlement option was made by Daniel T. Steck, Ottumwa, Iowa, legislative representative of the American Legion.

If a bonus is authorized, the committee was told, the American Legion expects to launch an intensive campaign to "educate" former service men as to the most desirable provision, with a view to having a great number take advantage of options other than cash.

Mr. Steck declared the passage of an adjusted compensation bill, carrying five options incorporated in the measure approved by the house during the last congress, would "permanently" satisfy able bodied war veterans.

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## Widow To Get Compensation Court Holds

Wanda Stark of Portland, widow of Ray at Sk, victim of a Portland shipyard scuffle, is entitled to compensation from the Oregon compensation, according to the state supreme court which today handed down an opinion affirming the decree of the Multnomah county circuit court to this effect.

Ray Stark, husband of Wanda Stark, died as a result of injuries inflicted upon him by an air hose in the hands of a fellow employee with whom he had engaged in a friendly scuffle.

At the time of the death Mrs. Stark was suing for divorce and was living apart from her husband.

**Claim Was Refused.**  
On the ground that Stark was the instigator of the scuffle which resulted in his death the commission held that his dependents were not entitled to compensation. The commission further contended that even though Stark's death was covered by the compensation act his widow was not entitled to compensation because of the fact that she was not living with him at the time.

Suit was brought in the circuit court of Multnomah county to collect the award which was ordered paid, the court holding that Stark died as a result of an accident while engaged in the performance of his duties and further that Mrs. Stark had not deserted her husband in a legal sense. The commission appealed from the decree of the lower court and again loses by the action of the supreme court.

## John Rundburg Is Made Member of Kiwanis Club

John Rundburg, steward of the Commercial club, was today given the first honorary membership in the Kiwanis club of Salem for his benevolence extended the Associated charities and its work among the needy of the city.

President Roy Shields, in introducing Mr. Rundburg to members of the club, stated that he had given approximately \$500 in cash to the Associated charities during Christmas week.

"You are working for the same interests which this club sponsors," said Shields in extending the welcome of the club. "We are glad to welcome you as a member."

## SHANTUNG SQUABBLE ENDED; WHITE HOUSE VOICES SATISFACTION

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Administration officials would not comment upon the part Mr. Harding himself had taken in the final stages of the negotiation, saying merely that the president was gratified and felt that the country in general and every one connected with the Washington conference would be equally glad to learn that the long standing controversy had been settled. It was said that Secretary Hughes, who with Arthur J. Balfour undertook an exercise of good offices prior to the president's participation in the discussions, might make a formal statement tomorrow.

Prediction that the last details of the plan for restoration to China of Shantung province would be settled at today's meeting was made by Dr. Koo, of the Chinese delegation, following an agreement made last night between the Japanese and Chinese covering all principles required as a basis for disposal of the Taing Eao-Tsinan railroad question. The basis of settlement is understood to have been the compromise plan supported by President Harding.

Meantime, the naval committee of the whole was meeting today to give final approval to the text of the naval treaty as completed yesterday by agreement in the naval committee of 15 on the Pacific fortifications article. The treaty tomorrow will be announced to the world at a plenary session of the conference.

## Reckless Driving Is Charge Against Man Arrested Here

Ellis Hurst, an employee of the Clancey florist shop, was arrested this morning by Traffic Officer Miller Hayden on a charge of reckless driving. The alleged offense was committed yesterday, according to the police.

Hurst will be arraigned before Judge Earl Race in the police court.

## Motorists Caught In Storm Freed

Bakersfield, Cal., Jan. 31.—Carrying provisions and clothing, a rescue party from Bakersfield this morning succeeded in reaching 33 automobile tourists, isolated since Sunday on the ridge route between Bakersfield and Los Angeles, at a point between Sanburg and Bailey, by the storm that has been raging in the mountains. The marooned party has been huddled in a ranger's cabin since late yesterday with only a meager fire and with their food supply exhausted. None was in a serious condition, according to advice reaching automobile club officials here.

## Finseth Returns From Visit To Pythian Lodges

Dallas, Or., Jan. 31.—Left S. Finseth, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Oregon with headquarters in this city, has returned from a two weeks' trip over the state visiting the various lodges. During his absence he visited lodges at The Dalles, Redmond, Bend, Prineville, Wasco, Condon, Lone Rock, Hermiston and Portland. He also attended the district convention held at St. Johns which was participated in by all the lodges of Portland.

## Iowa Senator Named Judge of Eighth Circuit On Recommendation of President

Washington, Jan. 31.—President Harding today sent to the senate the nomination of Senator Kenyon of Iowa, leader of the senate agricultural bloc to be judge of the eighth circuit.

"Washington, Jan. 31.—Senator Kenyon of Iowa announced today he would accept the nomination as federal judge of the eighth circuit tendered to him by President Harding and sent to the senate.

The senate soon after receiving the nomination confirmed it in open executive session, a honor only rarely paid to nominees.

The Iowa senator, who is one of the leaders of the senate and chairman of the agricultural bloc of that body, in a formal statement issued upon receipt of his nomination by the senate, expressed appreciation of the president's action, which he said would enable him to achieve his ambition "to serve on the federal bench."

Senator Kenyon after the confirmation said he would be unable to leave Washington to take up his new duties short of a week or ten days.

He expected, he added, to examine senatorial precedents to determine whether after the confirmation he may vote. The cooperative marketing bill, scheduled to take the next place on the calendar of the senate, is one in which he is vitally interested, Mr. Kenyon said.

## Motive Questioned.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Discussing the appointment of Senator Kenyon of Iowa, agricultural bloc leader, to the federal circuit court, Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, declared in the senate today that "the country could not but help wonder, and it will take some explanations to disprove the belief, whether this administration was not seeking to destroy the leadership of the agricultural bloc."

## Laurenti Now Favorite For Pope's Throne

Rome, Jan. 31.—(By Associated Press.)—Interest in the church of a successor to Pope Benedict is increasing as the time draws near for assembling of the sacred conclave and many attempts to find an indication of the result are being made.

Cardinal Laurenti, secretary of the congregation of the propaganda, although raised to the purple only last year, is understood to be favored by at least 50 members of the sacred college who believe in a rapprochement with the Italian government. At the same time he is said to be acceptable to those opposed to closer relations with the Quirinal.

The name of Cardinal Ratti, archbishop of Milan, mentioned previously as favored by the "peace" group, headed by Cardinal Gasparri, is not heard so often now, and the section headed by Cardinal Maffi, archbishop of Pisa, is reported as ready for a compromise before the balloting begins.